WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. In a system for drawings and fixing together two different edges, the improvement comprising:

a lacing member having at least two opposing sides and a plurality of discrete apertures disposed therethrough; and

an end cap device having a smooth outer finish, which end cap passes readily through each of said plurality of discrete apertures without becoming frictionally engaged within any of said plurality of discrete apertures.

2. In a process for manufacturing lacing members having at least two opposing sides and a plurality of apertures disposed entirely through the at least two opposing sides, the improvement comprising, in combination:

finishing a terminal aspect of each lacing member with an end cap device, wherein the finishing step further comprises creating a smooth peripheral surface over the entire end cap device.

3. The process, as defined in claim 2, said finishing step further comprises chemical treatment.

4. The process, as defined in claim 2, said finishing step further comprising at least one step selected from the group consisting of mechanical and thermal treatment.

5. The product produced by the process of claim 3.